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SUBJ: SUMMARY MEDIA COVERAGE LOCKHEED, FEB. 19

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1. IN LULL BETWEEN MARUBENI DIET TESTIMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCES BY PM AND FONMIN ON AFTERNOON OF FEB. 19, LOCKHEED COVERAGE RECEDED FROM FRONTPAGES OF AM PRESS. ONLY NEW REVELATION WAS BROADCAST REPORT FROM LOS ANGELES THAT LOCKHEED'S KOTCHIAN HAD TOLD JCP'S HASHIMOTO THAT LOCKHEED HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN INTRODUCED TO MARUBENI BY THEN MITI MINISTER TANAKA AT BEHEST OF KODAMA. AFTERNOON NEWS WAS DOMINATED BY REPORTS ON MIYAZAWA, MIKI PRESS CONFERENCES.

2. AFTERNOON BROADCASTSQUOTE FONMIN MIYAZAWA REPORTING THAT SPECIAL CABINET MEETING TODAY ON LOCKHEED HAD AGREED THAT A TEAM OF LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND POLICE EXPERTS WOULD BE SENT TO U.S. TO INVESTIGATELOCKHEED EVIDENCE. MIYAZAWA CONFIRMED REPORTS IN AM PRESS THAT CABINET HAD DECIDED FOR PRESENT NOT SEND SPECIAL ENVOY TO U.S. TO OBTAIN LOCKHEED EVIDENCE OR NAMES OF GOJ OFFICIALS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED REPORTS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF CABINET LIAISON COUNCIL COMPOSED OF VARIOUS MINISTERIAL LEVEL CHIEFS. FIRST MEETING WILL BE CHAIRED BY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY IDE ON FEB 20.

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3. MIKI'S 50 MINUTE TV PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED BY ALL TOKYO CHANNELS. MIKI PREPARED REMARKS WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE LOCKHEED AFFAIR WOULD NOT HINDER DIET ACTION ON URGENT ECONOMIC MEASURES. HE DESCRIBED GOJ'S INVESTIGATION PLANS BUT MADE NO NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS. MOST OF HIS STATEMENTS WERE REPETITION OF THEME THAT GOJ VIEWED LOCKHEED REVELATIONS AS SERIOUS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JAPANESE DEMOCRACY AND WOULD INVESTIGATE THEM THOROUGHLY. RE AM PRESS REPORTS THAT SENATOR PROXMIRE DESIROUS OF REVEALING NAMES OF IMPLICATED GOJ OFFICIALS, MIKI SAID AMBASSADOR TOGO HAD ALREADY CONFIRMED GOJ DESIRE FOR NAMES TO DEPSEC INGERSOLL. (PRESS REPORTS INGERSOLL AVOIDED DIRECT ANSWER.) MIKI NOTED KISSINGER HAD TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM IN MULTINATIONAL CONTEXT AND EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF POLICY OF NOTE RELEASING NAMES. HOWEVER, MIKI REPEATED TIME AND AGAIN THEME THAT HE WAS DETERMINED TO OBTAIN THE TRUTH. MIKI STRESSED OPINION THAT LOCKHEED'S EFFECTS ON US-JAPAN RELATIONS WOULD BE SMALL. MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION PROBLEM WAS NOT CONFINED TO US BUT INVOLVED JAPANESE CORPORATIONS AND THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL. ALTHOUGH MIKI HOPEFUL OPPOSITION PARTIES' POLICY OF INSISTING ON CONTINUATION OF FULL BUDGET COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED COULD BE CONVERTED INTO SUPPORT FOR LDP PLAN FOR SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE INVESTIGATION WHILE DIET BUSINESS CONTINUES, HE FEELS EARLY DISSOLUTION, ELECTIONS NO LONGER POSSIBLE.

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